

FARM, GARDEN AND HOUSEHOLD.

Household Hints.

The best plan to remove grease from wall paper is to lay several folds of blotting paper on the spot, and hold a hot iron near it until the grease is absorbed.

All salted provisions must be watched and kept under brines. When the brine looks bloody, or smells badly, it must be sealed, and more salt put into it, and packed over the meat.

For cleaning dinnerware, nothing better than common soda can be used. Dampen a cloth, dip it into soda and rub the ware briskly, after which wipe dry and it will look equal to new.

A cool and dry room is indispensable for a storeroom, and a small window over the door, and another opening outdoors gives a great advantage by securing coolness and circulation of fresh air.

Unbolted flour should be kept in kegs or covered tubs, and always kept on hand as regularly as the flour. It should be bought only when freshly ground, and out in moderate quantities, as it loses sweetness by long keeping.

To make delicious graham rolls take one pint of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of salt and stir in graham flour to form a thick batter. Mix this at night and in the morning have your roll iron smoking hot; pour in the batter and bake in a quick oven.

Molasses, if bought by the barrel or half barrel, should be kept in the cellar. If bought in small quantities, it should be kept in a demijohn. No vessel should be used, if filled with molasses, as it will swell and burst the vessel, or run over.

It is best to have a store closet open from the kitchen, because the kitchen fire keeps the atmosphere dry, and this prevents the articles stored from molding, and other injury from dampness. Yet it must not keep warm, as there are many articles which are injured by warmth.

To make a single cup of chocolate or a greater quantity by a like course and proportion of ingredients, grate a dessertspoonful of chocolate, dissolve it in half a cup of boiling water, bring to boil a cup of rich milk, stir in the chocolate which thoroughly melted, boil up three minutes, pour out and serve.

Items of Practical Interest.

At least half of the trees which bear fruit every year would be benefited by having half the fruit taken off as soon as it is well set. The overbearing of a tree will in a few years destroy it.

As the time approaches when spring work commences, it will be well to repair gates, get your fence in good order, and paint your house. Get out your gun and shrubbery along your fences. Get as much verdure in sight as possible, and if you are able to make your buildings and fence white, all the better.

Seeds that grow on limestone land should be changed every few years for those which grow on barren or gravel land, and vice versa. Such an exchange proves beneficial. By continuing to sow one kind of seed all the time, the crop will become inferior in quality. In regard to live stock it is the same. Breeds should be crossed as often as practicable.

Gardeners should attend to the following rules in making flower beds: Avoid placing rose colored next to scarlet, orange or violet. Do not place orange next to yellow, or blue next to violet. White relieves any color, but do not place it next to yellow. Orange goes well with blue, and yellow with violet. Rose color and purple always go well together.

When drying off cows after the regular milking has ceased, the udder should be frequently examined at intervals of a few days, and any milk which has collected should be removed. If left unattended to, serious injury may be inflicted upon the udders, such as the loss of teats, shrinkage of the udders, etc., thus impairing the future usefulness of cows.

How to Cook Salt Fish.

To make salt fish agreeable it requires a great deal of soaking. Therefore it should be obtained a few days in advance. Put it in a pan with plenty of cold water and change the water often. To be fit, place it in a drainer in a fish kettle, cover it with water; when it boils skim it; let it simmer till done. A thick piece from a large fish will require half an hour, and a thin piece twenty minutes. The minute it is out of the water egg sauce and boiled parsnips should be served.

Another way of cooking salt fish is to melt it in a pan. Boil four good-sized potatoes and one large parsnip, unless you have them left from the previous day. In that case, use those, mash them by rubbing them against the side of a basin with a wooden spoon, melt half an ounce of butter in half a pint of milk; add a saltspoonful of salt, pour it into the potatoes, and mix them into parsnips.

Take the half of it which is rich. Spread it over evenly, pull out the bones, take off the skin and divide about a pound of cold salt fish into flakes; season it well, parsley, mustard and pepper; add a little egg sauce. Take the fish upon the potato paste and cover it with the remainder by spreading evenly over. Make it smooth by pressing the knife over it. Put it into a moderate oven and bake for twenty minutes.

Worms in Apples.

"Nimrod" asks: "Is there if there be any objection to pruning apple trees of ten or more years' growth at this time of year. Will the freezing of the cut edge of the bark by expansion separate the bark from the wood, and thereby delay the healing process?"

Reply.—Apple trees may be pruned now without any danger. In pruning off large branches care should be exercised.

If there are more than one or two limbs to be taken off a part of them should be left until next year, so as to spare the tree as much as possible. Where the limb in falling might tear the bark the lower side should first be cut with a broad chisel and mallet, and the saw used on the upper side. The cut should be made close to the stem, so that there will be a smooth wound, without any ragged edges.

There will be no sprouts and no dead wood to rot, and the wound will gradually heal, the bark finally growing over it. There is no danger to be apprehended through freezing of the bark. The training of an orchard should be such in its youth that in its old age no large branches should need to be cut away. To do this only some study and care need to be exercised.

To CLEAN CARPETS.—To remove grease spots from carpet with potter's clay and cold water to a thick paste, and spread on the spot with a brush. The thickness of heavy bacon fat is needed enough to be left a week and then brushed off. If not entirely removed, apply again. It never fails when properly used.

Many Years Ago.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad.

Charlotte Cushman leaves an estate of \$600,000.... The German ecclesiastical court has definitely summoned the bishop of Munster to appear for trial on charges which involve the penalty of deposition from his see.... Keith, the man condemned to be hanged between two pillars, was condemned to death in State prison.... R. D. Butler, a colored member of the Virginia House of delegates from Dinwiddie county, was expelled for improper conduct in abstracting money from the paybook of the sergeant-at-arms.... Servia has ordered all men between the ages of twenty and fifty years under arms.... By a fire in Athens N. Y., eight houses of the Knickerbocker company were destroyed, with implements and forty thousand tons of ice already stored. The loss amounted to \$25,000, which was covered by insurance.

The Red river steamboat Mary Loony was burned to the water's edge while on her way to New Orleans. Her cargo of thirteen hundred bales of cotton was almost a total loss.... By the precipitation of an engine down an embankment on the Short Line road at Lagrange, Ky., Engineer Finnegan was caught under the machinery and held fast while streams of boiling water from the broken boiler ran over his face and body. He died in the greatest agony, with a dozen men looking on unable to extricate him.

It is announced in Rome that the vatican has advised Don Carlos to stop fighting, as his success is hopeless.... The national Democratic convention shall be held in St. Louis on the twenty-seventh of June.... Disastrous floods have occurred in the provinces of Upper Austria and Moravia. One hundred and twenty houses are known to have been destroyed.... The great \$30,000 four-mile race at San Francisco was won by Foster in 7:53 and 7:58½. Rutherford, who sold first in the pool, came in second; the other five horses were distanced.... The Central American States have settled their difficulties, and the war which threatened devastation is thereby averted.... Peace negotiations are being entered into by Egypt and Abyssinia.... Richard B. Irwin, who was before the country, and after the preliminary betting the judge raised his antagonist twenty dollars—the man he had before him.

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"Oh, you do, do you?" said the judge, suspiciously eying the battered receptacle of wealth. "Well, then, I am forced under the circumstances," reaching down into his overcoat-pocket and producing a handkerchief and wallet, "to give you this pocketbook better," producing an old leather wallet with fifty or a hundred wrappings about it.

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